

December 13, 2010

The Common Council met as the Water Utility Board at 7:00 p.m. on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Askren, Fuelling, Hoehn, and Curtis attending. Board member Higgins was not present. Others attending were Attorney Higgins; Supt. Gray; Chief Beloit; Chief Waters; Supt. Givens; Comm. Maynard; Tom Hogan – Johnson Controls, Inc.; Lauren Higgins; Andy Hoehn; John Eaton; Mindy Bourne – Area Plan Commission; and Pam Robinson – Posey County News.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented. Board member Fuelling moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the report of the Water Chairman.

Chairwoman Askren stated she has no report.

Supt. Gray stated he would like to apologize for denying the city their annual Thanksgiving boil order, as it has now been five years since they have had a city-wide boil order. He then stated they have been experiencing some pretty big leaks but they have all been fixed. The pump seal on the temporary intakes has failed, and they will be working to get that back into shape. He then stated last week, after 46 years of service, he received a letter of resignation from Bookkeeper Wanda Bennett. He added he would like permission to move Deanne Blackburn up into Miss Bennett's position and then hire another part time employee in the office.

Board member Askren stated she has no problem with that.

Board consented.

Supt. Gray concluded his report by stating he would like to thank Mayor Tucker for the very nice letter he wrote on his behalf for his nomination of Operator of the Year. He added he didn't win, but he appreciated the letter.

Mayor Tucker replied it was a pleasure and then asked if there were any question ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Board ?

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman replied not at this time.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any Legals for consideration ?

Attorney Higgins replied Beth Custer, who approached the Board a month or so back for water service on Sauerkraut Lane, has her paperwork completed and it is ready for Board signatures.

Board then signed the water agreement.

Attorney Higgins continued by stating the JCI will be in discussions with the Board soon on updating them on the Phase 2 performance contract (plant upgrades). She added they will also be in discussions soon on Phase 3 (intakes), which will actually be an addendum to the overall contract. She stated she feels the Board needs to be updated on Phase 2 before proceeding with Phase 3 discussion.

Supt. Gray approached the podium and stated the filter system is now complete and since its completion, he has noticed a reduction in the electricity costs in the amounts of between \$8,000 and \$9,000.00. He added he is very pleased with the project. He then stated the temporary intakes were intended to last about two years, and they are well beyond that, so overall he is very pleased with Phase 2.

Mr. Hogan wished the Board Happy Holidays and stated he is also very pleased with the project and in fact, it is one of his proudest achievements. He added Phase 3 will be the "intake project". He stated the estimates they have gotten in the past have been way too high and he would like to find an A #1 solution at the lowest possible cost. He would like to thank the City of Mount Vernon for giving JCI the opportunity to work with them and he feels it is a great partnership.

Board member Curtis stated they have had the intake discussion for many years and have discussed everything from even a floating barge in the river with the intake dangling. He added they have come a long way and he would like to see some different ideas before ruling in or ruling out the different possibilities.

Mr. Hogan stated he would like to present six options to the Board in order to find the best solution for the best price so they do not hit the rate payers unduly.

Board member Fuelling asked if the current temporary intakes could be used as a back up?

Mr. Hogan replied yes. He then stated Mount Vernon is a great place to do business and its infrastructure is coming back.

Board member Hoehn asked if the intakes are a prohibitor to Mount Vernon's growth ?

Mr. Hogan replied the city needs consistent water supply.

Board member Hoehn stated then it is a limiting factor ?

Supt. Gray replied yes, somewhat, it is one of the factors.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker references Universal Valuation.

Attorney Higgins explained to the Board that every two to three years the city has their buildings appraised from the City Hall building to the Park & Recreation to the Utilities. She added they haven't had it done in some time and it is now being done. She stated they Board needs to approve the process as come January, they will be responsible for a portion of the billing.

Board member Hoehn moved the Board proceed with Universal Valuation and the Water pay their portion. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Board voting as follows:

Askren – yes; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – absent.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Askren moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Hoehn. Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Sitzman
Clerk-Treasurer

The Common Council met immediately following the Water Utility Board on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Askren, Fuelling, Hoehn, and Curtis attending. Councilwoman Higgins was not present. Others attending were Attorney Higgins; Supt. Gray; Chief Beloat; Chief Waters; Supt. Givens; Comm. Maynard; Tom Hogan – Johnson Controls, Inc.; Lauren Higgins; Andy Hoehn; John Eaton; Mindy Bourne – Area Plan Commission; and Pam Robinson – Posey County News.

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Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Standing Committees.

Street & Light Chairman Fuelling stated he has no report.

Comm. Maynard stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Police & Dog Chairwoman Hoehn stated she has no report.

Chief Beloat stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Fire Chairman Curtis stated he has no report.

Chief Waters stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Sewer Chairwoman Higgins was not present.

Supt. Givens stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated they have the Financial Report before them and any questions could be directed to Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman.

Mayor Tucker asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Council ?

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman replied not at this time.

Mayor Tucker stated they are now ready for the Legal portion of the Agenda.

Attorney Higgins stated up for 2nd reading is the Ordinance Establishing Salaries for the Elected Officials for the Year Ending December 31, 2011, and Payable from the General Fund, Water and Sewer Utilities.

Councilman Fuelling moved the Ordinance pass on second reading. Seconded by Councilman Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Askren – yes; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – absent.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Fuelling moved the rules be suspended. Seconded by Councilwoman Askren.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Askren – yes; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – absent.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Fuelling moved the ordinance pass on final reading. Seconded by Councilwoman Hoehn.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Askren – yes; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – absent.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman added it will be numbered 10-24.

Attorney Higgins stated the next item is the first reading of the credit card ordinance – An Ordinance to Adopt Rules and Regulations Concerning the Use of the Municipal Credit Card Issued in the Name of the City of Mount Vernon. She added she has heard no comments on the ordinance.

Councilman Curtis moved the ordinance pass on first reading. Seconded by Councilwoman Hoehn.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

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Askren – yes; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;
Curtis – yes; Higgins – absent.
Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Higgins stated the next item before the Council comes from the Area Plan Commission – it is an Ordinance to Rezone 206 W 10th Street from RM (residential multifamily) to CG (commercial general). She added Area Plan Director Mindy Bourne is present this evening.

Mrs. Bourne stated on November 18 the Area Plan Commission heard the petition, presented by John Eaton, on the rezoning and the Board approved it for a CG, not an M1, six to zero. She added the rezoning could have fallen under either CG or M1, but CG is the lesser zoning and works for Mr. Eaton's business, Eaton Auto Repair. She then stated the property in question will be used for parking. Councilwoman Askren asked if there were any remonstrators present ?

Mrs. Bourne replied there were none.

Councilwoman Hoehn stated other lots close to the area to the address were already CG and they wanted to be consistent.

Councilman Curtis moved the ordinance pass on first reading. Seconded by Councilwoman Hoehn.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Askren – yes; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – absent.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Council ?

There was no response.

Mr. Eaton left the meeting.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated under New Business, the Council needs to be thinking of their appointments for 2011 – Mayor Pro Tem, the Area Plan Commission, and Posey County Solid Waste Management.

Council consented to appoint Councilman Curtis Mayor Pro Tem for 2011.

Council consented to appoint Councilman Fuelling to the Posey County Solid Waste Board.

Council agreed to postpone making their appointment to the Area Plan Commission.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Districts.

1st District Councilwoman Askren stated she has no report.

2nd District Councilman Fuelling stated he has no report.

3rd District Councilwoman Hoehn stated she would like to thank Comm. Maynard for cleaning the streets from the recent snow, and timing it to the exact time her alarm clock went off ! She added she appreciates his efforts.

4th District Councilman Curtis stated he has no report other than to commend all city workers who have to be out in this cold weather, he really appreciates it.

Councilwoman-at-Large Higgins was not present.

Mayor Tucker stated the first annual Christmas Parade held last Saturday was a successful event and he would like to thank Larry Williams, Councilwoman Higgins and the Park & Recreation Department for their efforts. He added it was a good turnout of probably 400-500 folks. He added if there was no other business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Councilwoman Askren moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilman Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

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